

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARC CANDELARIA,

Defendant.

No. 1:22-cr-00767-KWR

Pecos Courtroom  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

March 13, 2024  
8:59 a.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE KEA W. RIGGS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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(In open court at 8:59 a.m.)

THE COURT: Mr. Candelaria, I just called the case and your attorneys are in the courtroom, and the United States also announced their appearance for trial.

All right. Counsel, we are set for trial to begin on the 25th. Your first surprise of the morning is that there are three trials that day. One of them -- well, you-all probably know that too from people in your office, but one of them is bringing in a double panel, and we have all conferred -- and I don't know whether we drew the short straw or the long straw, but we are delaying -- we are not starting until one o'clock on Monday. The other two are going to start that morning, but we will start promptly at one o'clock. I hope that doesn't cause anybody any problems. I know you'll have to adjust some things. And I guess my question about that is -- I've looked at your trial schedule. I appreciate that.

Is that going to push us into Thursday, then?

MR. HURTADO: I imagine it would, Your Honor, given that the United States had allocated the entire morning for purposes of jury selection. So naturally that would bump forward all the other events that the United States had planned as far the witnesses and testimony.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you. That's kind of what it looked like.

1 Do you agree with that, Mr. Glanz?

2 MR. GLANZ: I think out of an abundance of caution,  
3 yes, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. I just never want  
5 to be dishonest with the jury panel.

6 All right. That being said, let's get started. I  
7 don't believe that there are any outstanding motions. I  
8 believe those have all been dealt with at this point. We  
9 haven't received -- we've received the proposed voir dire.  
10 Have we decided on a time? I usually give 20 minutes for voir  
11 dire after I do the initial questioning.

12 Does that work for the United States?

13 MR. HURTADO: Yes, ma'am. 20 minutes is fine.

14 THE COURT: Does that work for defense?

15 MR. GLANZ: Yes. Thank you.

16 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

17 I don't see any objections to either side.

18 I've received the statement of the case. I believe  
19 both of you-all have -- or most of you-all have been in trial  
20 with me. Any questions about the Court's process for  
21 questioning the venire panel?

22 MR. HURTADO: No, ma'am.

23 MR. GLANZ: No, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

25 Also, you-all are aware of my jury selection process.

1 Any question about that on behalf of the United  
2 States?

3 MR. HURTADO: No, ma'am, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Anything from the defense?

5 MR. GLANZ: No, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: My inclination -- because I have been  
7 losing jury members lately -- is to have two alternates for  
8 this matter.

9 Does that work for the United States?

10 MR. HURTADO: Yes, ma'am.

11 THE COURT: Does that work for defense?

12 MR. GLANZ: Yes, it does, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: All right.

14 Mr. Candelaria, you will be coming in -- I don't need  
15 for you to say anything, but I need to make sure that you are  
16 dressed appropriately. You can work with your attorney to do  
17 that.

18 Counsel, we start -- I'd like you-all in your seats  
19 ready to go at 8:30 in the morning. I have the jury panel come  
20 back by 8:30. I like you-all here at 8:30 so that if there are  
21 any issues we need to take up before we bring them in, I like  
22 to start promptly at nine o'clock.

23 Objections. I feel like most of those can happen from  
24 the floor, unless it's something that might taint the jury  
25 panel, then I have no problem with you-all asking to approach

1 the bench, and we can deal with those at the bench. Remind me,  
2 we need to speak into this little speaker on the bench;  
3 otherwise, I get the eyes from my court reporter, and we want  
4 to make sure that we have a clear record.

5 I do take a break in the morning. I see that you-all  
6 worked that into your schedule, and I take a break in the  
7 afternoon. If we need to a take a break to deal with an issue  
8 outside of the presence of the jury, we can also do that.

9 I do see that there is a stipulation that you-all have  
10 come to regarding wells Fargo's status as a member of the FDIC.  
11 When would you-all like that read?

12 MR. HURTADO: Your Honor, the Government had intended  
13 to admit that stipulation as Government Exhibit 3 during its  
14 case in chief. The Government's intention was to have an  
15 officer involved in the investigation testify, take the witness  
16 stand, and then at some point during the direct examination by  
17 the United States, I would have that witness then read into the  
18 record and admit Government's Exhibit 3, if that's acceptable  
19 to the Court.

20 THE COURT: That's fine with the Court.

21 Mr. Glanz, any objection to that method?

22 MR. GLANZ: No, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

24 We got, I believe, the first proposed -- the Court's  
25 first proposed set of jury instructions back to you-all

1 yesterday, with a date for you-all to respond. Counsel,  
2 you-all -- I think we have jurors' discs also. You-all have  
3 worked very hard and met all the deadlines. I really  
4 appreciate it. This case is ready for trial, it looks like to  
5 me.

6 Mr. Hurtado, are there any issues we need to take up  
7 this morning?

8 MR. HURTADO: Yes, Your Honor. If I may approach?

9 THE COURT: Absolutely.

10 MR. HURTADO: I just wanted to inquire with the Court  
11 with respect to when the juror questionnaires would be made  
12 available to the parties?

13 THE COURT: It's usually the Monday before trial.  
14 Is that correct?

15 COURTROOM DEPUTY: It is. It's the Monday before  
16 trial.

17 MR. HURTADO: Would that be the 18th?

18 THE COURT: Yes.

19 MR. HURTADO: And then the other issue I just wanted  
20 to raise with the Court is something that I raised yesterday  
21 with defense counsel. The United States may -- emphasis on the  
22 word "may" -- be amending its witness list to include one  
23 additional witness. I do not anticipate that that additional  
24 witness will add too much more time to the already-filed trial  
25 schedule. The United States intends to no longer call one of

1 the other witnesses who was identified by the initials of  
2 "M.D." on the trial schedule.

3 So if the United States ends up filing its amended  
4 witness list, the United States anticipates adding one witness  
5 who will replace witness M.D. So I don't anticipate that that  
6 additional witness, again, would add or extend the trial  
7 schedule that's already been filed and proposed.

8 I did advise counsel that the United States may be  
9 amending its witness list. Upon information and belief,  
10 defense counsel does not object.

11 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. And M.D., I  
12 believe, is Megan Duffy. So even if you do not call this  
13 additional person, you will not be calling her?

14 MR. HURTADO: That's correct. No matter what happens,  
15 M.D. will no longer be called as a witness, yes, ma'am.

16 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

17 Mr. Glanz, any response?

18 MR. GLANZ: No, Your Honor. Only that we have  
19 reviewed their amended witness list and proposed trial schedule  
20 and we concur. We have no objections.

21 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

22 Anything further that we need to take up this morning  
23 on behalf of the United States?

24 MR. HURTADO: I apologize, Your Honor. I have one  
25 more matter of clarification. So as I understand matters, the

1 trial will begin as scheduled on March 25th, Monday. It will  
2 begin at 1:00 p.m., but the Court wants the parties to be here  
3 at 8:30 a.m.?

4 THE COURT: No. I'm sorry. I don't need for you to  
5 be here at 8:30.

6 MR. HURTADO: Okay. I thought I heard 8:30, so I --

7 THE COURT: You did. When I start trial at -- in the  
8 morning like I normally do. The next morning, on Tuesday  
9 morning, I'd like you here at 8:30.

10 MR. HURTADO: Yes, ma'am. Got it.

11 THE COURT: I think being here perhaps 12:30 on  
12 Monday --

13 MR. HURTADO: Yes, ma'am.

14 THE COURT: -- would -- because we'll have the jury  
15 panel coming in all during the lunch hour. It's going to be  
16 busy here, ladies and gentlemen, just so you know for parking  
17 purposes or whatever.

18 And you might warn Mr. Candelaria if he's not coming  
19 over with you.

20 So if you'll be here at 12:30 on Monday. And thank  
21 you for clarifying that, Mr. Hurtado.

22 MR. HURTADO: Yes, ma'am.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Glanz, on behalf of defense?

24 MR. GLANZ: I would only just inform the Court and the  
25 Government that while we did file a witness list, I think it's



1 likely that we'll be able to elicit most of the testimony we  
2 need on cross-examination. So it's possible we don't have to  
3 call those people. We just filed that list out of an abundance  
4 of caution, and I don't think it would extend the trial if we  
5 did call any of those witnesses. So I think we'll stay within  
6 the existing schedule.

7 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. I appreciate that.  
8 well, Counsel, if nothing else, I guess I will see you  
9 at 12:30 on the 25th, and we'll be in recess for today. Thank  
10 you. Have a good day.

11 MR. HURTADO: Yes, ma'am.

12 MR. GLANZ: Thank you, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Candelaria. You are free  
14 to go, sir.

15 (Proceedings adjourned at 9:08 a.m.)

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